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PAST PROGRAMS

On April 2nd the WERS group met at Police Radio and held a calibrating party for receivers and transmitters. This was a means of having and keeping definite frequency operation of the nets.

April 7th, following a severe rainstorm, letters were written to our members who are in the service. It was to be regretted that even considering the weather that there was such a small turn-out for this event. Lets try to do better the next time.

The evening of April the 14th the new committees for WERS work were named and explained. The assignment of active members to these committees means that there will be bigger and better programs for WERS operation. Get your rig into shape and get in on them.

The WERS meeting on the 28th was devoted for the most part to a new method of operation of the nets. This was the first of the planning of the new committees who have been meeting and discussing problems.

NEW MEMBERS

We have five more new members who have joined the club this month. Their names follow:

Robert S. Smith	James Bastian	Charles Reynolds
Albert Whisenand	Albert Freeland	

To these new members of the IRC, all of whom are active in WERS work, we extend our thanks and welcome them into becoming active in the affairs of the club.

With these five new members, the club membership has grown by nine since the first of the year. Continued good club programs and active work in WERS will continue to attract new members to the club. Lets all concentrate on getting more and more programs and support those that are presented by being present at all the meetings. As more and more of our membership goes into the service, the mainstay of the club will be the new energetic active membership. So keep asking those who are not now members to join. Remember, he has to be asked, so as a member make the non-member happy by asking him.

NEW PRESIDENT

May the 5th the vice-president of the club became president. Mr. Arthur Schultz took over the duties of Robert Caskey who was called back into active service in the Army. Mr. Harold Schultz has assumed the duties of vice-president, and filling Harold's place as director will be Lynne Hull.

AN APPRECIATION

As your past president I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the club and its sponsorship of WERS. The many enjoyable meetings and the programs that have been presented at them have indeed been a pleasure. The support given me, as well as the membership gain the club has made, is indicative that the members want to continue even during these trying times. It is only to be hoped that some of the remaining older members will become reactivated and lend their help to the new president and the newer members so that our gains may be continued. My thoughts on leaving for active service are the same as those who write back to us, to get the job done and come back to a bigger and better radio club and amateur radio. Again I wish to thank the membership for their cooperation and trust that I shall soon be coming back to them.

LETTERS

Last month we reported that there were no letters from those in the services. This month we found quite a few in our mail box. Following we quote from those received as well as give the latest address and information about those we have heard from or seen.

Fred Sawyer, located at 627 E. Virginia St., Evansville 11, Ind., who is working at the Evansville Modification Center, writes and thanks us for Amachewer saying that he awaits its receipt with the same interest as when receiving QST. (Quite a compliment). He further tells of the many enjoyable meetings he attended while here. He passes his regards to Charles Campbell who sponsored his membership into the club. He is working with wired wireless but as yet has found no one to work with. Many thanks for your letter Fred.

Lt. Tom Wonnell O-700589, S.O.D. L.A.A.F., Liberal, Kansas, writes to us under the date of April 11th. He reminded us of our statement in last Amachewer stating that service men had not written us and stated that he was one that was going to write. (Guess we stirred you up that time OM). He states that he is at a B-24 transition school where they teach air men to fly the Liberator Bombers. A nine week course is stretched out to eighteen weeks due to a shortage of ships and the weather. The extra time is spent in instrument approach landings and blind flying. He is scheduled to go to operational training for three months when this course is finished. This covers work in navigational flights, bombing practice and gunnery practice. Tom says that he hears from Joe Christie who is on the USS Harry Lee which ship seems to find the most inactive places to go to, with an ability to find the most wonderful beaches, with no women, the best bathing places, filled with sharks and so forth. Wonnell finishes with an enjoinder to keep the news of the radio club coming and says that he enjoys very much reading of the activities of the club and has an itching to get back and take part in them.

S/Sgt. Wm. Hibbert, Rdg. Sqdn. 12th A.F. Trng. & Repl. Com'd. APO 762 % Postmaster, New York City, N. Y. writes a V-Mail letter. He has just received an issue of Amachewer and learned that ye editor was now also president of the club. He comments on the nice way the club seemed to be going along the nice programs that were being presented. He tells of the many places that he has been. North Africa west coast to Cairo. Pantelleria, Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia, and a large part of Italy. He asks about Max Stout (We have some information on him; it follows in a later letter) Bill says that the last he heard from Max was from Australia eight months back.

The Sgt. asks about his dues and passes his best regards to the gang as well as asking them to write to him (why not write to him now as well as to some of the other club members in service). He closes by the salutation, "Your Ham Brother, Bill W9ENJ". Many thanks Bill, your answer is on the way and who knows, my re-entry into the Army may end up by working under you.

From Pvt. Wade C. Kingery 16145897, Co. G.-804th Signal Trng Regt., Camp Crowder, Missouri, we have received a letter, answered it, and received another. Good going OM.

In Wade's first letter he tells of receiving a letter of March 5th as well as another letter from our Secy., Otto Walters (Presumably written the night the club's project was to write to our members in the service) and a card from Bert Bucy who has heard from Maurice Joyce who formerly was at Camp Crowder as a civilian instructor. (Morrey's QTH 1495 Cedar Ave., Long Beach 6, California.) He gives ye editor some encouragement concerning his likelihood of being called to active duty (now come to pass) and tells him that being in the ERC is still better than being a CIVVIE. He told of failing to get Amachewer which had been sent to his home address for forwarding so now it will go to his military address. Kingery passed along the address of Bob Sylvester, W9YZU (Cpl Robert E. Sylvester, ASN 35710955, Co. E - 4th Repl. Regt. 12th Bn., A gf Repl. Depot #2 Fort Ord, Calif.) and spoke of not having heard from Max Stout for eight months. In Private Wade's second letter he tells of having heard from Max Stout now Chief Radio Man. (Max Stout, CRM, U.S.N., USS Mizar, % Fleet Post Office San Francisco, Calif.) Wade in turn quotes some of Max's letter which we will re-quote. Max writes that he wants to trade some of the water he is always seeing for some of Wade's schooling. Max received a club paper a while back and noted it. Trusler laying in the mud. (Sorry Wade I only told part of it) Has plans to set up his ham station when he gets back again some day. Has a YL who may soon become an XYL, who knows? Complains of not having heard from any of the gang. (Fellows, there is another one who has reached the point of complaining, now get busy) Says to write and cut him in on some of the home town dope. Would trade places with LeRoy Waggoner who is in the Merchant Service. He has heard of Finchum being an instructor in Washington and now wants to show him under with sea yarns after the war. Has anyone heard from Harry Butler? Again says that he would appreciate it very much if you (Wade) would tell those guys back there to drop him a line once in a while. He'd like D. M. Davis to know that he made Chief Radioman last October, came through with HIGH HONORS (Double Underlined). Have you any idea as to how he (Max) can contact Hank Beauvier? (That will be answered and explained shortly OM.) "My last contact with that guy was four years ago. I am starting on my fifth year of continuous sea duty. I should rate a tour of shore duty some day, Ha Ha. I want to know how I stand with the Indianapolis Radio Club." Unquote Max's portions of the letter from Wade.

Wade expects to be shipped in the near future. He promised an early answer to Walter's letter. Tells the ed that he will probably end up at Camp Crowder. Many thanks for the two letters, Wade, and the quotes from Max Stout himself. I am sure that the gang will soon be getting him some letters.

As noted above, Max Stout asked about Hank Beauvier. Well until just yesterday we did not know his whereabouts. Here is how we found out. Reading the Indianapolis News column "Information Plus" we read where a Mrs. Balz had a letter from a Hank Beauvier from some Pacific island. Ye editor immediately contacted Mrs. Balz over the phone and

confirmed the fact that Hank was the Hank who used to be a member of the IRC. The following address was thus obtained: H. A. Beaubier, Radio Electrician CNB Dept 2, Navy 250 % FPO San Francisco, California. So much for our detective work.

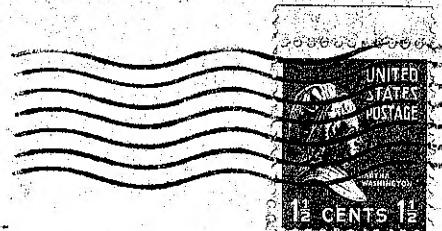
We were very fortunate in having S/Sgt. Claude Richie in attendance at the last four meetings of the club. The Sgt. has been just off the coast of Venezuela for the past two years and had a months furlough. He talked to the club several times and a treatise of his talks would make very interesting reading for those who were not in attendance.

NOTICE - This edition of Amachewer springs from the able fingers of our ex-president, now Pvt. Robert Caskey, 35307923, Co A, 27th Bn., Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Bob's work in the club has been of the highest order and we who are still here want him to know that we appreciate all the work he has done and that we will try to carry on as he would have us do. Many thanks Bob, and best of luck to you on your new job.

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